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SUBJECT: MAY 26 CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY26:

1. DUTCH ELECTIONS--A QUICK LOOK AT THE RESULTS

THE SOCIALISTS AND LIBERALS GAINED, THE FAR LEFT LOST BADLY, AND THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS HELD EVEN. PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL IS IN A STRONG POSITION TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT ALTHOUGH THE PROCESS WILL BE LONG AND DIFFICULT. (THE HAGUE 2749, UNCLASSIFIED)

2. PRC REPORTER COMMENTS ON SINO-US RELATIONS

THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY'S CHIEF HONG KONG REPORTER SAID THE PRC COULD "WAIT A LONG TIME" FOR AMERICANS TO SECRET

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ADJUST TO THE PRC'S "THREE PRINCIPLES" (REGARDING TAIWAN) FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SINO-US RELATIONS, AND THOUGHT THE SECRETARY'S DESIRE TO ADVANCE HIS TRIP TO THE PRC TO AUGUST WAS A SIGN THAT AN AMERICAN DECISION ON THE "CHINA QUESTION" WAS NEAR. (HONG KONG 6045, SECRET/EXDIS)

3. DAYAN AS FOREIGN MINISTER: AN INITIAL ASSESSMENT

DAYAN IS NOT LIKELY TO BE FOLLOWED INTO A BEGIN-LED GOVERNMENT BY OTHER LABOR PARTY MEMBERS. EMBASSY TEL AVIV THINKS THAT DAYAN BELIEVES HE CAN HAVE A MODERATING INFLUENCE. (TEL AVIV 3752, CONFIDENTIAL)

4. PODGORNY'S FALL: FURTHER RUMORS AND SPECULATION

EMBASSY MOSCOW SAYS THE CHINESE CHARGE ADVANCED THE MOST NOVEL SPECULATION--THAT BREZHNEV REMOVED PODGORNY IN ORDER TO KICK "HIS MOST DANGEROUS POTENTIAL RIVAL, SUSLOV" UPSTAIRS AND OUT OF THE SECRETARIAT. (MOSCOW 7463, CONFIDENTIAL)

5. PROPOSED US-UK ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

BRITISH OFFICIALS PROPOSED TECHNICAL-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS ON STEPS WE MIGHT TAKE TO SIGNAL OUR OBJECTIVE OF EFFECTING CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA. (LONDON 8798, CONFIDENTIAL)

6. OWEN-YOUNG MEETING, MAY 26.

YOUNG AND OWEN EXCHANGED THOUGHTS ON NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA; ON THE LATTER THEY AGREED THAT WHITE ECONOMIC ANXIETIES ARE MORE IMPORTANT TO ADDRESS THAN CONSTITUTIONAL ANXIETIES. (LONDON 8800, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

7. CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS: MAY 26 MEETING SECRET

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ONAN AND PAPADOPOULOS MET AS SCHEDULED, DESPITE YESTER-DAY'S IMBROGLIO, BUT ONAN RESTRICTED DISCUSSION TO GREEK CYPRIOT "ECONOMIC WARFARE" AGAINST TURKISH CYPRIOTS. PAPADOPOULOS DIDN'T BUDGE; THERE IS NO AGREEMENT YET ON FURTHER MEETINGS. (NICOSIA 1412, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

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